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New York, Columbia University, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Benjamin MS 4

Description: ff. 58 - Bound in kermis-dyed half sheepskin over wooden boards with remains of one fore edge clasp that closed to a pin on the back cover. - "Presbiter dominus bernardinus [?] de la mot//," s. XV, on inside front cover; gift, 1943, of Henry Rogers Benjamin and Beatrice Benjamin Cartwright from the collection of their late father, William Evarts Benjamin. - Bond and Faye, p. 322.

Number of Parts: 3 - *Number of Images Available:* 8

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Language: Latin *Country:* Italy *Century:* 14th

Part 1: ff. 1-58v

Description: - Parchment - 235 x 165 mm - 28 long lines of text or verse.

Country: Italy

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XIV

Searchable Date Range: 1300 - 1399

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes:

Script: Formal gothic book hand.

Notes: Parchment of uneven quality, and scraped in the margins to remove notes (but not palimpsest).

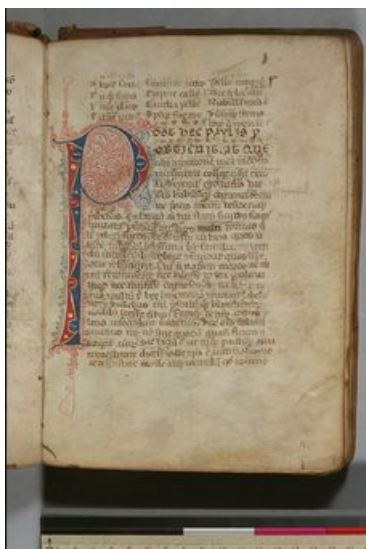
Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: ff. 1-58v

Author: Boethius

Title: De consolatione philosophiae

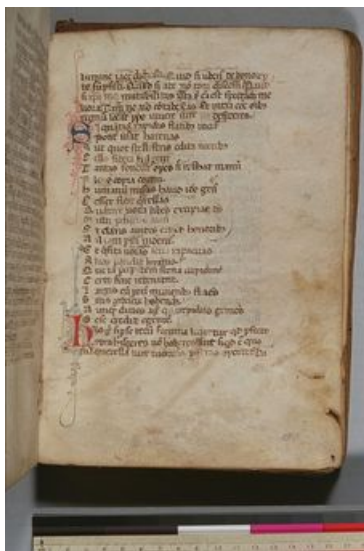
Language(s): Latin



f. 11 Parted and flourished initial; display script in gothic capitals for first lines of text.

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f. 13 Flourished initials; interlinear readers' notes.

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ff. 22v-23 Pricking along outer margins; parted and flourished initial.

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Binding Front cover with remains of fore edge strap.

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Binding Inside front cover, with kermis-dyed turn-ins; flyleaf from a psalter; pen trials.

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Binding Back cover with pin for closing fore edge strap in center of board.

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Part 2: Bifolium

Description: - Parchment - ca. 190 x 125 mm - 26 long lines

Country: Italy

Region:

Assigned Date: s. XIV

Dated by scribe: No

Document: No

Script: Gothic book hand.

Other Decoration: 2- and 1-line red initials.

Notes: Bifolium is almost complete in width (missing the outermost edge of text) and complete in height; it was the center bifolium of the quire, with continuous text.

Number of Texts: 1

Cardinal point:

City:

Searchable Date Range: 1300 - 1399

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Number of Scribes: ;

Text 1: Front flyleaf

Title: Psalter

Language(s): Latin

Notes: Contains Pss. 125:6-134:16.

Status of text: Fragment



Front flyleaf verso

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Part 3: Bifolium

Description: - Parchment - ca. 144 x 142 mm - Long lines

Country: Italy

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XIV

Searchable Date Range: 1300 - 1399

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes: ;

Script: Formal gothic book hand.

Other Decoration: 2-line blue initial; 1-line red initials; rubric in red.

Notes: Partial bifolium, not from the center of the quire (text is not continuous).

Number of Texts: 1

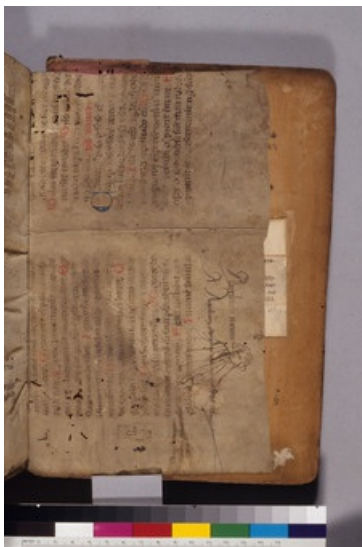
Text 1: Back flyleaf

Title: Psalter (?), with canticles

Language(s): Latin

Notes: Contains parts of 3 canticles, Audite caeli (Deut. 32:1-43), Exultavit cor meum (1 Sam. 2:1-10), Cantemus domino (Exodus 15:1-19).

Status of text: Fragment.



Back flyleaf recto Later simplistic sketch of a man.

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